

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please change the title at page 1, line 1, from "**Preparation of halogenated 2-(3-butenylsulphanyl)-1,3-thiazoles**" to

-- METHOD FOR PRODUCING HALOGENATED
2-(3-BUTENYLSULPHANYL)-1,3-THIAZOLES --

Please insert the following at page 1, between the title and line 3:

-- The present patent application has been filed under 35 U.S.C. 371 as a national stage application of PCT/EP03/00028, filed January 3, 2003, which was published in German as International Patent Publication WO 03/059896 on July 24, 2003, which is entitled to the right of priority of German Patent Application 102 01 238.5, filed January 15, 2002. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- However, these dithiocarbamates and acids thereof are unstable (Gattow et al. (1969) *Z. Anorg. Allg. Chem.* 365, 70; Gattow and Hahnkamm (1969), *Z. Anorg. Allg. Chem.* 364, 161; Redemann et al. (1955) *Org. Synth. Coll. Vol.* 3, 763; Fourquet (1969) *Bull. Soc. Chim. Fr.* 3, ~~304~~ 3001; Hahnkamm et al. (1969) *Z. Anorg. Allg. Chem.* 368, 127). This has the consequence that secondary reactions can occur to a considerable extent and may lead to the release of the dangerous carbon disulphide. The yields are correspondingly poor. In addition, the synthesis of ammonium dithiocarbamate is associated with the use of dangerous carbon disulphide and gaseous ammonia. --